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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Marcos Isamat Riviere

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Title : METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING

BIOLOGICAL SPECIES

Examiner : Rosanne Kosson

Group Art Unit : 1652

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 30, 2008, applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention of Group I, *i.e.*, claims 1-7 and 11-15, drawn to a method of identifying biological species or subspecies in a biological sample by performing PCR with primers that hybridize to regions 1130-1191 and 1453-1473 of

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the human beta-actin gene. Since the remaining claims (claims 8-10) will be considered

withdrawn, applicant reserves the right to prosecute those claims in one or more

divisional applications.

Applicant has responded herein to the points raised by the Examiner in the Office

Action. Accordingly, further favorable action in connection with this patent application is

earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by

telephone if it will advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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